

I do not support the use of cell phones onboard airplanes for three reasons. (1) Nothing I've read convinces me that we can be 100% sure that in-air cell phone usage will not have a negative impact on the safety of air travel. (2) As much as the traveling public ignores safety briefings and flight crew instructions now, a public preoccupied with cell phone conversations (and distracted by those using cell phones around them) are even less likely to heed important messages from flight crews. (3) I do not relish the idea of listening to the various ringtones out there now throughout a flight, nor do I relish the idea of being subjected to obnoxiously loud conversations littered with "can you hear me nows."